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Dr. Randall J. Webb, '65, '66

President
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

One of the best assets your alma mater has is the beauty of the Natchitoches campus. Over the years, the heart of the campus has shifted from the area near the Columns to the area near the Friedman Student Union and Kyser Hall, but the university has continued to work to make the campus appealing. Keeping Northwestern beautiful includes making sure our buildings are in the best possible shape along with little things such as landscaping.

We are fortunate to have many dedicated employees in the Buildings and Grounds Crew and in the Physical Plant who take great pride in their job and work diligently to maintain and enhance the campus.

In recent months, the university has completed landscaping, which accentuates the Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center. We have also worked to enhance the area around the old Power Plant and improved the look of the campus warehouse. This work has greatly improved the way visitors view the campus when they enter along Central Avenue.

During this semester, our Physical Plant will move to a new facility, which will allow staff to utilize space more efficiently.

Our faculty, staff, alumni and friends have also taken an interest in improving the campus. The Barry Smiley Courtyard is a wonderful enhancement for Russell Hall, and I look forward to seeing the new Alumni Plaza at the A.A. Frederick Center for Creative and Performing Arts completed.

Northwestern recently received planning money for the renovation of Caspary Hall and Williamson Hall. These two buildings will be great assets to the university once completed.

The new campus residence hall, University Place, has been well received by students and campus visitors. In the months to come, we plan to demolish Rapides Hall and proceed with long term plans to modernize campus housing.

If you haven't been to the Natchitoches campus recently, we hope you can come visit soon and see the progress your alma mater is making.

Dr. Chris Maggio, '85, '91

Director of Alumni and Development

Alumni and Friends,

What an exciting time to be involved at Northwestern! In recent months, several pledges and endowments have been established through the NSU Foundation to support different areas of academics and athletics. Some of these gifts honor former faculty members, while others were created as memorials to distinguished alumni. These acts of support constantly push us closer to reaching our Capital Campaign goal ahead of schedule, and they are invaluable to the outstanding students who benefit from these gifts.

Your fellow alumni are doing exciting things — writing books, recording CDs and making great contributions within their professions. We love to hear about personal and professional accomplishments and are happy to share them through Alumni Columns.

Soon another special group of graduates will convene here in Natchitoches for the Golden Jubilee to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Northwestern. This year, the class of 1956 will participate in commencement exercises and enjoy a weekend of reunion activities, renewing friendships and getting reacquainted. This reunion is one of many alumni events planned throughout the year in many different areas of the country.

There are many ways to stay connected to Northwestern. We appreciate your enthusiasm in continuing to support our alma mater.



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“Demons of Destiny”

NSU takes national spotlight with incredible win in NCAA Tournament

For three days, Cinderella wore purple. The Northwestern State men's basketball team took its loyal fans on a magical ride by pulling off the biggest upset in the NCAA Tournament by defeating Big Ten champion Iowa 64-63 in an opening round game.

Senior Jermaine Wallace hit a 3-point shot with 0.5 seconds to play to give NSU an improbable victory and a moment no one associated with Northwestern will soon forget.

Northwestern's victory over Iowa was the highlight of the best season in school history.

The Demons won their second consecutive Southland Conference championship and their first conference tournament title in five years. The Demons won a record 26 games and had wins over teams from the SEC, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pacific 10 Conferences.

Several national publications along with Internet sports sites followed the Demons all

year. The win over Iowa was featured on CBS and ESPN for three days and was in every major newspaper in the U.S.

“This season gives a great deal of validity to our program since we have been to the NCAA Tournament twice in five years,” said NSU head basketball coach Mike McConathy. “When people looked up on Saturday morning, there were only 32 teams left playing and 300 more looking in. That's an enviable position to be in.”

Despite all that success, the team never forgot its roots. NSU's down-to-earth style made a lasting impression on the media that covered the NCAA Tournament.

“Northwestern State is the kind of team that is refreshing in a tournament sometimes dominated by worldly players and polished coaches,” said Joe LaPointe in the New York Times.

McConathy is determined to make the Demons a regular participant in the NCAA Tournament.

“We wanted this group of seniors to be program builders,” he said. “On the back wall of our locker room, we have all of our former players listed so the team understands the tradition and those who came before them. The experience we had this year is a part of building the tradition.”

The win may also help the university attract students next fall.

“The win was perfect timing in terms of helping recruit students,” said Director of University Recruiting Jana Lucky. “For many students, decision time is in March and April. We have seen the number of inquiries double in the days after the Tournament. Not only was the win helpful, but the way the team members conducted themselves on and off the court let the nation know the kind of people we have at Northwestern.”



Coach Mike McConathy

Cover: Shown is the 2005-06 Demon Basketball Team, Coach Mike McConathy and Jermaine Wallace taking his winning shot at the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Photographs shot by Gary Hardamon.



Senior forward Clifton Lee played a major role in leading their Demons to a 64-63 upset win of Big Ten Champion Iowa in the NCAA Tournament. Lee scored 18 points in the victory including 13 points in just over three minutes as NSU erased a 17-point deficit.

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ATTENTION

all NSU Alumni:

**News concerning
Wellness, Recreation &
Activity Center (WRAC)
Fees paid from Spring-1999
through Summer-2005.**

Policy: NSU Alumni* who attended Northwestern State University and were assessed the WRAC fee between spring 1999 and summer 2005 may utilize these paid fees as a credit towards purchasing a WRAC Alumni Membership.

In order to receive WRAC Fee credit as mentioned above, these memberships must be purchased between January 31, 2006 and January 31, 2009 at the NSU Wellness, Recreation, and Activity Center. This credit program will end January 31, 2009. **Credits are for memberships only.** All other WRAC programs and purchases shall be made separately. Please go to room 210 in the NSU Wellness, Recreation, and Activity Center to sign-up for this program.

Any existing paid membership will continue until the expiration date. All WRAC Fee credits will be applied thereafter.

* NSU Alumnus is defined as one who has graduated from Northwestern State University with an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Five home games, visits to Baylor and Ole Miss highlight Demons' 2006 football schedule

Northwestern State's 2006 football schedule includes five homefield appearances at Turpin Stadium, notably visits by recent Division I-AA semifinalists Texas State and Sam Houston State along with old rival McNeese State.

But three high-profile road games are generating even more buzz. The Demons, one of Division I-AA's perennial playoff contenders, will visit three Division I-A Bowl Championship Series programs—Kansas, Baylor and Ole Miss.

NSU will open the season Sept. 2 at Kansas, then travel to Baylor a week later. The Demons will play at Ole Miss on Nov. 4 in the first of a two-year series recommended by Rebels' head coach Ed Orgeron, who was a four-year letterwinner at Northwestern as a defensive tackle from 1980-83.

The five home games kick off with non-conference contests Sept. 16 against Delaware State and Sept. 30 against Arkansas-Monticello, sandwiched around an open date Sept. 23.

Those are part of a three-game homestand culminating with the Southland Conference opener on Oct. 7 against Sam Houston State. The Demons play 2005 I-AA semifinalist Texas State in Turpin Stadium on Oct. 28, then cap their home schedule Nov. 11 against McNeese State.

Homecoming will be celebrated with the Oct. 28 Texas State game at 2 p.m.

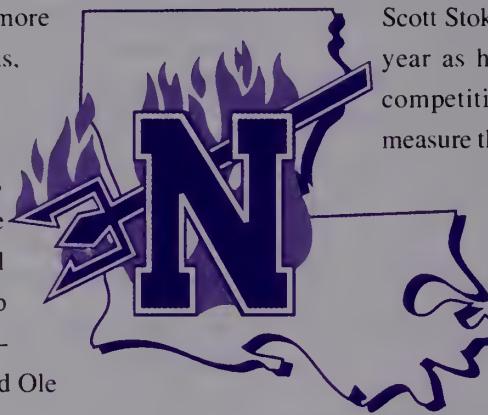
The other four home games will kick off at 6 p.m., although all starting times are tentative.

"From a financial perspective, this schedule will be positive for both the athletic program and the football team," said Athletic Director Greg Burke. "That's what being successful is all about - finding ways to move your program forward."

"Our players are excited," said Coach Scott Stoker, beginning his fifth year as head coach. "They're competitive and they want to measure themselves against top-caliber competition."

The opening game at Baylor is especially attractive, said Stoker, because of a significant number

of NSU alumni in east and central Texas, including the Dallas and Houston areas.



2006 Northwestern State Football Schedule

All kickoff times are tentative
Shaded areas are home games

Sept. 2	at Kansas	6:00
Sept. 9	at Baylor	6:00
Sept. 16	vs. Delaware State	6:00
Sept. 23	open	
Sept. 30	vs. Arkansas-Monticello	6:00
Oct. 7	vs. Sam Houston State*	6:00
Oct. 14	at Southeastern La.*	6:00
Oct. 21	at Nicholls State*	TBA
Oct. 28	vs. Texas State* (Homecoming)	2:00
Nov. 4	at Ole Miss	TBA (1:00 or 7:00)
Nov. 11	vs. McNeese State*	6:00
Nov. 18	at Stephen F. Austin*	6:00

* indicates Southland Conference games

PROFILE

Paul Alonzo

The football scholarship he received to attend Northwestern State University, according to Paul Alonzo, "changed my life and the direction of my life."

Based on the recent generosity of Paul and his wife, Carolyn, they will now change the life of an NSU Demon football player forever.

In November and December of 2005, Paul and Carolyn donated over \$77,000 to the "Jack Clayton Football Scholarship" and, in doing so, increased the principle of that fund to \$100,000. As a result, the Clayton scholarship now has "fully endowed" status and interest from that fund will fully fund a football scholarship annually.

After spending his freshman year of college at LSU, Alonzo returned to his home in Metairie. Shortly thereafter, he found himself literally, as he put it, "working in the sewer" as part of a Hurricane Betsy clean-up project. It was then that NSU Coach Gene Knecht came calling with the football scholarship. Alonzo played defensive tackle on Coach Clayton's undefeated 1966 team and graduated in 1969 with a major in physical education and minor in special education.

For over seven years, Alonzo taught mentally and physically handicapped children and was involved in establishing the Special Olympics in Jefferson Parish. He remembers using former NSU teammate Phillip Creel's land in Franklinton as a camping destination for the youth he nurtured. He then entered the business world, which ultimately brought him to his current position of Chairman and CEO of Phoenix Associates Land Syndicate, a Covington, Louisiana-based holding company with assets and/or interests in several areas, including sand and gravel, oil and natural gas, contract hauling, and swimming



pool construction.

"The education I received at NSU gave me the ability to do what I do as a businessman. Also, participating in athletics taught me to work with people, to lead, to organize, and to set and achieve goals," said Paul.

It was Paul, along with 1966 football teammates Shelley Dickie, David Dawson, and Gary Pittman, who approached NSU about doing something to recognize Coach Clayton for his contributions to the university. The result, made possible through donations by former players and friends of Clayton, was the striking "Jack Clayton Plaza" in the south end zone of Turpin Stadium. Residual funds from construction of the plaza were used to establish a permanent scholarship in Clayton's name.

"It was important for Carolyn and me to do this (bring the scholarship to fully endowed status) for all of Coach Clayton's guys. We have been blessed and owe much of that to NSU. We enjoy seeing the university doing so well and want to help keep the momentum going," said Paul.

The generosity of the Alonzo's brings to three the total of fully endowed athletic scholarships. The others are the "Charles Ragus Athletic Scholarship" and the "Dan and Lilly Chase Athletic Scholarship." In all, 32 fully or partially endowed scholarships have been established in support of NSU Athletics, which makes a huge difference for the NSU athletic program, according to Director of Athletics Greg Burke.

"Privately raised funds, both from endowed funds and annual fund dollars, enables all of NSU's coaches to continue offering the full complement of scholarships permitted under NCAA guidelines. Consequently, more young people have the opportunity to attend NSU and the coaches can maximum their recruiting efforts to maintain teams which are highly competitive in the Southland Conference and at the Division I level," said Burke.

Innovative new shop4nsu.com website supports NSU athletics

If going online is second nature for you, there's a new shopping option that can save you time and money while supporting Northwestern State athletics.

It's the www.shop4nsu.com website, NSU athletics' official online shopping mall. The new site, which has recently launched, features a broad selection of dozens of nationally-known stores (including Barnes and Noble, Gap, Macy's, Montgomery Ward, Old Navy, Office Depot, Target, Wal-Mart and many more), a seemingly endless collection of brands (including Better Homes and Gardens, Cingular, eBay, Dell computers, Fossil, Jockey, Land's End, Mikasa, Phillips Electronics, Sirius Satellite Radio, Wedding Favors and many others) and services such as airline travel, hotel accommodations, travel and recreational activities.

A percentage of each purchase made online at www.shop4nsu.com comes back to support NSU Athletics. The prices are the same as if you bought directly from the business' websites, and often represent a significant savings over in-store purchases. The fee that NSU athletics receives from your use of our new website is not an additional charge.

"That's a winning combination," said Director of Athletics Greg Burke. "We strongly believe in shopping locally first, and especially supporting businesses that are owned/operated by NSU alumni and those businesses who are our great Purple Partners who support NSU athletics. We also know online shopping, especially for items that may not be available locally, is soaring in popularity, and that's the idea behind the shop4nsu.com website."

Scholarship honors former Rapides Parish educators

An endowed scholarship has been established at Northwestern State University to benefit a teacher candidate in the College of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bonde of Glen Ellyn, Ill., have created the Dallas and C.R. Sanders Educational Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$100,000 through a donation to the NSU Foundation. The endowment honors Mrs. Bonde's parents, both of whom graduated from Northwestern in the 1920s and were educators. Mr. Sanders was principal at Boyce High School and later Superintendent of Schools for Rapides Parish. Mrs. Sanders taught elementary school and later homebound students.

Mrs. Bonde, the former Wanna Beth Sanders, is a 1954 graduate of Northwestern and also a former educator.

The scholarship will be awarded to "a student teacher candidate that shows



Mr. and Mrs. James Bonde have created the Dallas and C.R. Sanders Educational Scholarship Fund through a \$100,000 donation to the Northwestern State University Foundation. The scholarship fund honors Mrs. Bonde's parents who were educators in Rapides Parish. Mrs. Bonde is the former Wanna Beth Sanders, a 1954 NSU graduate who was also a teacher. From left are Director of Alumni and Development Dr. Chris Maggio, Mrs. Bonde, Mr. Bonde, Dr. Vickie Gentry, Dean of the College of Education, and NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

promise in the teaching field," said Dr. Vickie Gentry, dean of the College of Education. The recipient must be a full-time junior, senior or graduate student with a 3.0 grade point average and pursuing a teacher education degree. Applicants must also complete an essay addressing what attributes of a positive teacher they possess.

"With a good GPA, we assume an

applicant has knowledge and skills, but asking the applicant to tell us what these are should be of value in choosing the ideal candidate for the award," Gentry said. "We want to know what sets them apart from other applicants and what professional characteristics they possess for becoming an effective teacher." The scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 per semester.

"We think education is very important. My father and mother both spent a large part of their lives in education and I taught for four years," Mrs. Bonde said. "We feel it's important to give back, and what could be more important than learning?"

"My parents were committed to honesty and integrity," Mrs. Bonde said. "Teaching is a thread in my family. My father lived and breathed it and so many people in the family became educators. They made such an effort and others were helped by them. In this way, we are continuing their legacy."

Moores continue habit of giving back to Northwestern

Karl Moore is quick to say that his journey to the top ranks of a Fortune 500 company began at Northwestern State University.

Moore and his wife Linda have made a donation to help NSU faculty and

Support Fund to create a \$100,000 endowed professorship. Interest generated by the endowment will fund faculty research and development along with needed equipment.

"We are grateful to Karl and Linda Moore for their continued support of Northwestern," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "The Moores have a love for education and a genuine desire to help students succeed. Their gift will strengthen the College of Business and also provide an opportunity for a deserving student to continue their education."

Karl Moore earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's in business administration at NSU. Moore spent 42 years at International Paper from 1960 until 2002, retiring as the company's chief financial officer – International Paper Europe. Prior to holding that position, he was the company's vice president and chief information officer.

"One of the main reasons I continue to support Northwestern is that the university gave me an opportunity to get an education and go out into the world and compete with individuals who attended

more 'prestigious' schools," said Moore. "I had planned to give to Northwestern, but because of the state's financial difficulties, I decided the university could better utilize the funds at this time. It is a good opportunity for the money to be put to use now."

The Moores have been active supporters of Northwestern for many years. In 1995, Karl Moore was named to the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line. The College of Business named him to its Hall of Fame in 1998. Karl Moore serves on the NSU Foundation Board of Directors and is a member of the President's Council.

Linda Moore attended Northwestern and majored in secretarial science. She was active in community service, volunteering on a variety of community projects.

"I have always been involved in the community wherever we lived through civic organizations or our church," said Linda Moore. "It has always been important to me to give something back to the community. By supporting education, we can continue to do that."



Karl and Linda Moore graciously donated an endowed professorship and an endowed scholarship to Northwestern. They are shown here with President Randall J. Webb.

students with a gift of \$70,000 to the NSU Foundation to create the Karl and Linda Moore Endowed Professorship and the Karl and Linda Moore Scholarship.

The \$60,000 donation for the professorship will be matched with \$40,000 from the Board of Regents'

Class of 1957 launching endowment campaign to commemorate golden jubilee

Northwestern State University's graduating class of 1957 is commemorating their Golden Jubilee by launching a campaign to create the first-ever endowed gift donated by a graduating class. Through a pledge to the NSU Foundation, the class plans to establish the Class of 1957 Endowed Professorship in conjunction with their 50-year reunion in May 2007.

The idea of creating a professorship came to Dr. Virginia Crossno while sitting in an NSU Foundation board meeting.

"Dr. Webb was discussing our need for more external funding and it occurred to me that while our class is planning our 50th reunion, why not be a part of supporting the university with

an endowed gift, presented as a group?"

The \$100,000 endowed professorship will be comprised of \$60,000 in donations from the class of 1957 and \$40,000 matched by the State of Louisiana Board of Regents. The professorship will rotate among colleges to benefit several academic areas of the university.

"A donor can contribute as much or as little as they wish to the professorship. This is a large pledge, but with many

graduates joining together, the goal can be met," said Jill Bankston, assistant director of development. "The class is getting the ball rolling a year in advance of their reunion so that anyone who would like to participate is able to do so."

"We want to encourage everyone to join us," said Alma Alost.

"We're going to have a great time getting back together after 50 years," Crossno said. "This professorship is a way of honoring the faculty we had, those who were our mentors. They invested in us and helped us along the way."

All donations to the NSU Foundation are tax deductible. For more information on the Class of 1957 reunion in May 2007 or the Endowed Professorship, contact Bankston at the NSU Alumni Center at (318) 357-4241 or e-mail bankstonj@nsula.edu.



In preparation for their 50th anniversary reunion in 2007, members of the Northwestern State College graduating class of 1957 are creating the Class of 1957 Endowed Professorship. From left are John McTyre, Mildred Eckhardt McTyre, Director of Alumni and Development Dr. Chris Maggio, Alma Rabb Alost and Dr. Virginia Crossno.

Lee honored with Nth Degree presentation

Northwestern State University recognized the 50th anniversary of its University Police force and honored the man who organized the department by presenting an Nth Degree to James K. (Jimmy) Lee of Natchitoches.

The Nth Degree is given in recognition of unselfish devotion to duty and the willingness to go the "extra mile" in meritorious service to mankind. Lee was the guest of honor at a reception attended by friends, family and a number of people in the law enforcement field who got their start under Lee as student officers at Northwestern.

"Receiving this award is quite an honor," said Lee. "I am indebted to those who made it possible. It was enjoyable for me to start an organization and see it come to fruition. It's good to be able to see things come alive."

Lee also received an award from Natchitoches Parish Sheriff Victor Jones in recognition of his service to the people of Natchitoches.

Lee was a graduate of Northwestern with a bachelor's degree in history and social studies. He also earned a teaching certificate. Lee was a member of the Natchitoches Police Department when he was hired as chief of Campus Security at Northwestern on Nov. 16, 1955. He retired in 1986. Before the start of the Campus Security department, Northwestern has used two night watchmen to patrol the campus.

"The job was a good opportunity to advance my career. The concept of a college police force was new and the field was wide open," said Lee. "My objective was to have a trained, professional police force to protect the campus, students,



NSU's first Police Chief Jimmy Lee ('51) with his family at the 2005 reception in his honor.

faculty and staff and those who attended campus events."

Lee said it took three years to build a force which included officers classified under civil service and selected students. The experience was valuable for students. Many of those students never considered a law enforcement career before working under Lee. Officers that worked under Lee went on to careers on the local, state and federal level.

"The students did an excellent job augmenting the force," said Lee. "I am proud that many of them later went into law enforcement."

Beta Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity to celebrate 50th anniversary on NSU campus

Pi Kappa Phi's Beta Omicron Chapter will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its 1956 installation during the NSU Homecoming weekend this October 27-28.

Several charter and chapter members from the years 1956-1962 are pictured at their 50th anniversary kick-off reunion held during the 2005 NSU Homecoming.

Natchitoches City Council member Jack McCain, the first president of Beta Omicron Chapter during the fall semester 1956, stated that "the continued long-term friendships within our fraternity alumni have been an extraordinarily gratifying experience not often accomplished over so many years."



Front row: Mike Murphy, Charles Bice, Billy Coney, Don Cook, Huey Fitch, Sam Russell and Roy Bostick. Back row: George Cameron, John Echols, Jack McCain, Bill Plunkett, John West, Charles Varnell, Charles Doty, Roy Baldwin, John McTyre and John Mize.

Hall of Distinguished Educators

Northwestern's College of Education Alumni Advisory Board is seeking nominations for its Hall of Distinguished Educators for 2006. The inductees will participate in the NSU homecoming activities this fall. If you know of an outstanding alumnus of Northwestern who has had a distinguished career in the field of education please contact Dr. Cathy Seymour by calling (318) 357-6278, or by mail at College of Education (TEC), Office of Field Experiences, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

Natchitoches realtors continue support of board scholarship

The Natchitoches Board of Realtors presented a \$500 check to the Northwestern State University Foundation to benefit the Board of Realtors Scholarship, presented annually to a business major from Natchitoches Parish. The scholarship will be presented to a sophomore with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

"Scholarships of this nature assist outstanding students in the business program," said Dr. Chris Maggio, director of Alumni and Development. "It also sends a message to students that their future

colleagues are concerned about higher education and helping retain promising students."

The scholarship's ideal recipient would be "someone with good grades who is involved in campus life, an all-around student. This scholarship is a way for us to show our appreciation to the community and to Northwestern," said Linda Tillman-Gustwick, president of the Natchitoches Board of Realtors, which is made up not only of real estate agents, but also professionals who work in related business fields, such as banking and contracting. The Natchitoches Board of Realtors supports several local charities and civic projects.



The Natchitoches Board of Realtors presented a check to the Northwestern State University Foundation to support the Natchitoches Board of Realtors Scholarship, annually presented to a business student. From left are Linda Tillman-Gustwick, president of the Natchitoches Board of Realtors; Tony Davis, Melissa Llorence, Zack Middendorf, Michele Todtenbier, secretary/treasurer of the Natchitoches Board of Realtors; Dr. Chris Maggio, director of NSU Alumni and Development; Ruth Anderson, Joyce Bonner, Gloria Canaday, vice president of the Natchitoches Board of Realtors, and Julie Evans.

Alliance Compressors makes second scholarship installment

Alliance Compressors of Natchitoches has contributed \$10,000 to the Northwestern State University Foundation to support the Alliance Compressors Endowed Scholarship. This recent \$10,000 was the second installment of a planned \$30,000 over a three year period. The scholarship is funded annually through the Emerson Trust Fund, the charitable trust of Alliance's parent company, Copeland Corporation.

First preference for the scholarship will be given to a student majoring in Industrial Engineering Technology or Electronics Engineering Technology, with second preference being a student in the College of Business.

"NSU is a vital part to the success of this community. This is something we are able to do to create an opportunity for a student and is repayment for all the good things NSU does for this community," said Bill Videtto, Alliance plant manager. The ideal scholarship recipient would be a "someone with a financial need who possesses the high ethical standards and leadership qualities that both Alliance and NSU are trying to bring to this community," Videtto said.

Since Alliance opened in 1998, the company and Northwestern have worked together to provide professional development opportunities for employees who participate in certification programs or are earning degrees in electronics engineering technology or industrial engineering technology.



A \$10,000 donation to the Northwestern State University Foundation will support the Alliance Compressors Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded annually. From left are NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Director of Alumni and Development Dr. Chris Maggio, Assistant Director of Institutional Advancement Sharon Sampite Waskom, Alliance Human Resources Manager Edd Henry, Administrative Assistant Donna Pierce, and Alliance Plant Manager Bill Videtto.

Through the Emerson Trust, Alliance supports numerous local philanthropic endeavors.

"Alliance has shown a commitment to the future and to this community by funding this scholarship," said Dr. Chris Maggio, director of Alumni and Development. "Partnerships of this nature, in which a company supports students pursuing careers in related fields, are beneficial to both the deserving students who receive the scholarship and the company itself."

SPOTLIGHT

Navy Seaman Roger B. Fredieu, an alumnus of Northwestern, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the 8-week program, Fredieu completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedi-

cation, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Fredieu is a 2005 graduate of NSU, where he earned a BS degree.

Dr. James W. Stockard, Jr., ('60, '63), now with the Department of Curriculum & Instruction at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, has written a new college text that will be published this spring. Entitled *Handbook for Secondary Social Studies*, the book will be published by Waveland Press, Inc. of Prospect Heights, Ill. Stockard served as a long-time teacher and administrator in Caddo

Parish where he was the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction before serving a 13-year stint at Auburn University during which time he achieved the rank of Professor. He has also taught at California Polytechnic University in Pomona, Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Stockard has published seven books during his higher-education teaching career, three of which have been written since arriving at LSU in 1999.

Correction: **David Riggins**, who was in the Winter Spotlight, is the mayor of Vinton, not Benton.

New Orleans Recruiting Reception at Ormond Plantation



Friend of NSU Johnny Carmonch, Jana Lucky ('92), President Randall Webb ('65), Jill Bankston ('97), New Orleans Recruiter Megan Sandlin ('05), and Janay Matt ('99) smile at a New Orleans recruiting reception at Carmonch's home the Ormond Plantation.



Recruiter Megan Sandlin ('05), Nancy Griffin, and Jacqueline Griffin at the New Orleans reception where Nancy was recognized for being a recipient for the Ted Jones Scholarship.

Covington Recruiting Reception



Ricky ('85), and Julie Walmsley ('89) smile with their son Conner as they host the Covington recruiting reception.



Recruiter Megan Sandlin ('05), Nicole Joseph, and Carolyn Joseph, at the Covington reception where Nicole was recognized for being a recipient for the Ted Jones Scholarship.

Longview Recruiting Reception



Todd ('98) and Armanda Froebe at the Longview alumni reception.



Ben Z. Grant ('61) and Theresa Crawford visit at the Longview reception.



Rachel Brian ('71) visits with Longview alumni reception hosts Carroll ('67) and Susan Long ('70).



Ted Jones Scholarship recipient Whitney Milford is congratulated by Recruiter Ashlee Crooks ('01) at the Longview reception.

Lafayette Recruiting Reception



Future Demons and Ted Jones Scholarship recipients Lynda Hammatt, Ryan Falcon, and Jocelyn Kyle are congratulated by Recruiter Jared Hewitt ('03) at the Lafayette reception.

Illinois Christmas Dinner



Dr. David ('65), and Kay Williams ('65) smile for a picture with Elvis Mensah ('04).



Elvis Mensah ('04), Adam Williams ('05), Louis Nelson ('00) and Andy Batagona ('03) enjoyed visiting.



Josh Vo, stands with his mother Carolyn Vo ('01), and Calvin Miller at the Illinois Christmas Dinner.



Aaron ('03), and Kelly Lock ('03) catch up with other NSU alumni.



Kristy and Chris Bankovic ('04) show off their baby Christian.

2005 Alexandria Alumni Gathering at Tunks



Danny Coombs, Terrie Verzwyvelt Coombs ('72) and Sue Anne Vanderlick Foltz ('75) visit.



Mike ('71) and Marleen Sawrie ('00) show their purple pride at the Alexandria alumni reception.



Charlie Vienne ('91), Delsey ('04) and husband John Thomas gathered together at the Alexandria alumni reception.



John G. Thompson ('68), Steve Shine ('68), James Synder ('58), and Wayne Wilkerson ('56) visited during the Alexandria alumni reception.

2006 Texas Music Educators Association Reception at the Menger Hotel



Back row: Clarence Frank ('00), Cindy Brown ('95), David Thompson ('03), Kevin Richardson ('97) Front row: Chris Whorton ('98), Kristen McLaurin ('04), Monty ('98) & Melissa Morris-Blame enjoy good company at the TMEA reception.



JoAnn ('69) and Ed Horton ('72) visited with Ed Thompson ('76) at the TMEA reception at the Menger Hotel.



Current NSU students are hanging out at the TMEA reception.



Michael ('95), & Iryna Simoneaux, and Danny & Jaye Potter got together at the TMEA reception.

2006 Baton Rouge Alumni Gathering at Mike Anderson's



Dr. Randy Webb ('65), Alida Bishop Casey ('50), Judy Gowland Edwards ('66) & husband Terry Edwards, enjoyed visiting with each other at the Mike Anderson's during the Baton Rouge alumni gathering.



Ann Michael Meisheimer Lagarde ('04), Christy Groves ('04), Kelly Newman ('02), Melissa Champion ('03), Connie Hebert ('04) and Shave Veade ('03) caught up with each other.



Steven & Katie Cooper ('00) talk with another NSU alumni couple Gail ('76) & Joe Stephenson ('75) at the Baton Rouge Gathering.



John R. ('59) & Sue Ellen Fogleman Williams visited with Fran Garcia ('56) & Frank Bergeron at Mike Anderson's in Baton Rouge.



Carol & Matthew Kepfinger ('80) caught up with other NSU alumni at the Baton Rouge gathering.



Janis Lowe ('70) saw Tom Morales ('69) at the Baton Rouge alumni gathering at Mike Anderson's.

2005 Alumni Deer Hunt at Serenity Point Deer Camp



Chris Maggio ('85 & '91), Jeff Martin, Dan Chase ('57), Reed Martin, Brian Martin ('86), Trey Thibodeaux, Mike Knotts ('86) and Christopher Knotts enjoy the great outdoors at the 2005 alumni deer hunt at Serenity Point.

2006 Men's Basketball Reunion



Former NSU basketball manager Jerry Byrd ('57) with wife Barbara, and son Jerry Byrd Jr. at the reunion, after he was presented with the Nth Degree by Dr. Webb.



Elvin McCann ('60) with his family after he was inducted into the "N" Club Hall of Fame.



George ('54), & Bonnie Davis ('60) visited with Ken Coryell ('58) at the Men's basketball reunion.



Johnny Emmons ('53), got together with Steve ('51) and Babe Cole at the basketball reunion for a picture.



Julia ('62) & Tynes ('54) Hidebrand and Rick ('73) & Pat Reass gather together at the basketball reunion.

Baton Rouge Recruiting Reception



Dan ('57) and Lilly Chase welcomed guests as they hosted the Baton Rouge recruiting reception.



Future Demons Daverin Gerald, and Colbie Alex smile for the camera with Colbie's mom after Recruiter Ellen Dutsch presented Colbie with a certificate for receiving the Ted Jones Scholarship. She attends Scotlandville Magnet.

Golden Jubilee

The Northwestern State University Alumni Association will honor this year's Golden Jubilee Class, alumni who graduated in 1956, by hosting a series of events including a 50-year reunion May 5-6.

More than 60 graduates will come back to Natchitoches to take part in the two days of planned activities. Friday's events will include a bus tour of Natchitoches and NSU's campus, and a group picture. They will be honored at the afternoon commencement exercise where they will receive a second diploma. After graduation a dinner/reception will take place in their honor at the Alumni Center, the place they once knew as the President's house. They will also attend a luncheon on Saturday where they will be inducted into the 50-Plus Club.

"This is one of the most rewarding and satisfying events that we (the Alumni Center) do. The people who come back are really excited," said Dr. Chris Maggio, director of Alumni & Development.

Even though many things have changed at NSU since the 1956 graduates of Northwestern State College have been to school, many are excited for this great reunion. Wayne and JoAnn Dew are two former NSC students that will be receiving their second diploma on May 5. The couple who met at NSU, will also be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this summer and are delighted to see old friends some they haven't seen in 40 or 50 years. The couple, who have stayed in contact with many of their friends, still remember many details from their years in college, and can not wait to share them with former classmates and former college friends.

JoAnn, who graduated in education, said "I am looking forward to seeing those there to reminisce about the way things were." She recalls having to sleep out on the "sleeping porches" during the hot nights because there were fans out there, and having to sign out when she went out in a car with a boy so the dorm would know where they were if something happened.

For more information on this year's Golden Jubilee, contact the NSU Alumni Association at (318) 357-4414.

Criminal justice students will benefit from scholarship

A scholarship has been established at Northwestern State University in memory of a former assistant professor of criminal justice. The Frank C. Kyle Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior enrolled in NSU's Criminal Justice program who embodies Kyle's character and professionalism.

"Professor Frank Kyle brought to his



Frank C. Kyle

students a real life perspective of corrections through his 28 years as a noted professional practitioner in the probation and parole discipline," said Joe Morris, Criminal Justice Program coordinator.

Kyle's career began in 1971 with the Louisiana Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole. He progressed through the ranks from probation/parole officer until his retirement in 1999 as the regional director of the Northwest Louisiana Probation and Parole Office. Throughout Kyle's career as a probation/parole professional he was called upon repeatedly to serve on committees that reviewed and implemented improvements in probation/parole services in Louisiana. Kyle maintained his memberships in both national and state probation/parole organizations even after

his service to the state ended.

"After his retirement from service to the state, Kyle felt that he had a wealth of knowledge accumulated over his 28-year career that could be utilized to help young people to understand the past, present, and future directions of the corrections discipline within the criminal justice system," Morris said. "Frank Kyle readily accepted his second profession as an educator."

Kyle joined the faculty at NSU and used his experience as a professional corrections practitioner to enlighten his students from 1999-2004.

"Frank's experience in corrections was a refreshing addition to the academic learning process for students," Morris said. "His desire to provide real world experience to the educational experience of students and increase the understanding to those graduates who enter the world of professionalism within the corrections disciplines is his legacy. The Criminal Justice Program is proud to present this scholarship in memory of Professor Frank C. Kyle."

In addition to a junior or senior status, scholarship applicants must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.5 and a grade of 3.0 within the major. The scholarship will be awarded to a Criminal Justice student each year beginning this fall in the amount \$250 at the beginning of each semester. The student may only receive this scholarship one time.

For more information on the Kyle Frank Memorial Scholarship or to make a contribution, contact Morris at (318) 357-6967 or download forms at <http://www.nsula.edu/criminaljustice> for a link for Scholarships.

Memorial scholarship will benefit special education teacher candidates

A pledge to the Northwestern State University Foundation will fund a scholarship for a student training to become a special education teacher. The Thelda M. Harris Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior special education teacher candidate beginning this fall.



Thelda M. Harris

Mrs. Harris, a graduate of NSU and special education teacher in Natchitoches Parish, is being honored by her children, Brett Harris and Cassandra Harris Tydings, and her husband, Walter B. Harris Jr. The scholarship will be endowed at the \$10,000 level, awarded annually at \$400.

According to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), passed in 2004, "disability is a natural part of the human experience," and those with disabilities deserve the right to an education, the right to participate in and contribute to society, said Dr. Vickie Gentry, acting dean of NSU's College of Education.

"It is important that universities prepare teachers to work with those with special needs, including the ability to

prepare and modify lessons and to monitor student progress. Special education teachers must be prepared to work with families and all should hold high expectations for students with disabilities," Gentry said.

Mrs. Harris was born near Carnegie, Okla., and attended schools in Alden, Okla., graduating in 1952. She later earned a B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University and a M.Ed. from Northwestern State University. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Kappa Delta Phi, and Phi Delta Kappa honorary scholastic organizations, and professional education sororities, Delta Kappa Gamma and Kappa Kappa Iota. Mrs. Harris spent her life contributing to the education process of others, specifically in the special education area.

Mrs. Harris taught in the U.S. Armed Forces Schools in the late 1950s through 1965, while her husband was in the military. She began teaching special education at Natchitoches Junior High in 1980 and continued there until 1985. After receiving her master's from NSU in 1985, she moved to North Natchitoches Elementary and taught a pre-kindergarten special ed class. She retired from teaching in 1997. She was president of the American Legion Auxiliary in Natchitoches and was actively involved in sending Natchitoches area youth to Girls State. Mrs. Harris passed away Feb. 23, 2005.

"It is important that the recipient be a good student and equally important that the person be actively involved in other university activities and/or community activities," Brett Harris said. "We prefer that the need of the scholarship to the recipient also be considered and that the award go to someone who needs the money rather than to a person who might already have one or more scholarships."

"We also hope that the scholarship will

be awarded to a student that has exhibited the qualities necessary to work with children having special needs," added Cassandra Harris Tydings.

The Harris family has strong ties to NSU. Mrs. Harris's husband, LTC (Ret.) Walter B. Harris Jr. was head of the ROTC department at NSU and professor of military science from 1977-82. He obtained a Specialist of Education degree from NSU in 1984, and served as an adjunct faculty member at Northwestern while teaching math full time at Campi/ Lakeview High in Natchitoches Parish.

Brett Harris received a bachelor's in mathematics from NSU in 1991 and Cassandra attended summer classes at NSU while pursuing her undergraduate degree at Louisiana State University.

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Alumni Updates

1933

Joe Pugh Durham is retired, married to Claudia Sheppard Durham ('38) and lives in West Monroe.

1941

Melva Mayson Maxey is a retired teacher and lives in Lake Charles.

1952

Janice Marie Tucker Rabala is a retired assistant professor and lives in Village Mills, Texas.

1953

Rose Marie McRight Clinton is retired and a visiting professor at Texas A&M. She is married and lives in Alexandria.

1954

Julia M. Honeycutt is a retired teacher and lives in Bastrop.

1957

William Glenn Morgan is a retired professor, married and lives in Shreveport.

1959

George Don Rucker is retired and now plays on the National Southern Tennis Circuit. He is married and lives in Shreveport.

1960

Dr. Edwina Thedford is a retired professor of music and lives in Arkadelphia, Ark.

James Griffith is a retirement plan consultant at Comcast, married to Donna Polk Griffith ('88) and lives in Oak Grove.

in Rohnert Park, Calif.

1965

Clare Chenault is a sales manager at JM Test Systems, married and lives in St. Francisville.

1966

Robert W. Sorensen is a retired general manager, married and lives in Shreveport.

John McMeel is retired from the Department of the Navy, married and lives in Plano, Texas.

1967

John Alan Cress is a retired teacher and coach, married and lives in Zachary

Alan McMurtry is retired, married and lives in Natchitoches.

1968

Billie Huffman Oglesby Ketcham is a counselor at Shreveport-Bossier Vo-Tech, married and lives in Shreveport.

1970

Scott West is an application analyst for Halliburton Energy Services and lives in Coppell, Texas.

1971

Dr. Howell F. Wright is president of Triple JW Customs Saddles, Inc., married and lives in Estes Park, Colo.

Irene Morgel Robinson is the owner and president of KWCL-FM, married and lives in Oak Grove.

PROFILE

Journalism grad/author publishes first installment of detective series

Edward T. Milligan, a 1981 NSU graduate, has published a new book entitled "Past the Line," the first in the Blake Cutter Detective Series.

A native of Leesville, Milligan earned a degree in journalism at Northwestern and a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University before embarking on a successful career as a U.S. Army officer. Milligan spent the first four years of his career as a Field Artillery Officer, then changed specialties to become a quartermaster (logistics) officer, where he spent the rest of his military career in various command and staff assignments.

While an undergraduate, he was named to Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities. He retired from the military as a lieutenant colonel after serving more than 23 years. Milligan is a three-time published author, an award-winning poet and a motivational speaker.

The Blake Cutter series is set mostly in Miami and the Caribbean, with the first series set in an island of the coast of Georgia. Cutter is a Miami detective battling a Mafia organization responsible for his wife's death.

"The book series charges the engine to a continuing fictional drama series that exposes the vulnerabilities and complexities of people as they lives become entwined by their own conflicts and personal pursuits," Milligan said. "Such will be the case again in the second book in the series, 'No Bars To Hold,' which I plan to have published and released in early 2007."

"Past the Line" has been picked up by Amazon.com, Baker and Taylor, Atlas Books, PMG International and Vendor Pro distributors.

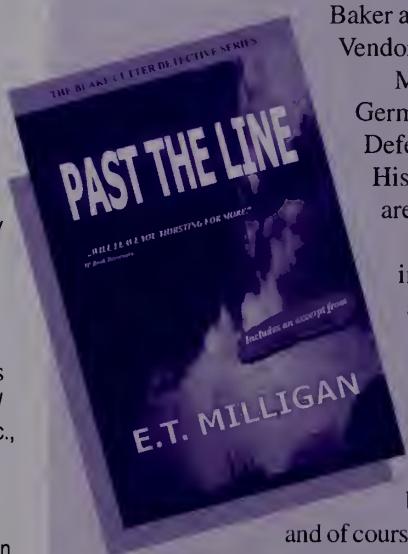
Milligan currently resides in Mannheim, Germany, and works full-time as a Department of Defense Contractor with the U.S. Army in Europe. His freelance writing and motivational speaking are done in his spare time.

"The experiences at NSU benefitted me both in my military career and my pursuits as an author and speaker," Milligan said. "Among my most memorable activities were disc jockeying on the campus radio station, serving in a college fraternity, spending two semesters working in the Sports Information Department (Journalism apprenticeship) both for NSU football and basketball games, and of course participation in the ROTC program as a cadet."

For more information on Milligan, visit his website at www.etmilliganbooks.com.



Edward T. Milligan



PROFILE

1972
Oren Spruill is a field services manager for Baker Petrolite Corporation, married and lives in Breaux Bridge.

Richard Vaughn is a senior financial analyst in manufacturing operations, married and lives in Livonia, Mich.

1973
Jim Larmoyeux is a professional studies representative in adult education at John Brown University, married and lives in Little Rock, Ark.

Brenda Sue Fountain is a clinical nurse consultant at LifeMasters and lives in San Antonio, Texas.

1974
Kathryn Bagley Haslett is an optician at American Eyewear and lives in Dallas, Texas.

Peggy Ducote Spruill is an administrative secretary at Covenant United Methodist Church, married and lives in Breaux Bridge.

Dr. Brent Smith is a retired environmental manager and now works as a contract environmental safety and quality auditor and trainer for three companies. He is also an adjunct faculty member with the University of New Orleans, married and lives in Metairie.

1978
Ruth Dennis Farmer is a manger at Lifeway Christian Stores in Temple, Texas, and lives in Belton, Texas.

1979
Mary DeWitt Thompson is a retired teacher, married to George C. Thompson ('71) and lives in Leesville.

1981
Georgia Parker Hilton is a real estate manager, married and lives in Natchitoches.

Donna Lynn Elliott Hunt is currently serving in the army and stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga. as the chief critical care, married and lives in Martinez, Ga.

1987
Leanne Midkiff Jeane is a special education teacher at Evans High School, married and lives in Evans.

1988
Louise Ann Richey Griffith is a fifth grade teacher, married and lives in Hendersonville, Tenn.

1989
Jeffrey Zeringue is the managing editor at the Daily Comet Newspaper, married and lives in Schriever.

Emily Salter Walker is employed by the Rapides School Board as a secondary instructional coordinator, married and lives in Alexandria.

1990
Eddie Jones Jr. is the principal at Florien High School, married and lives in Florien.

1991
Pat McLendon Middleton is a first grade teacher, married and lives in Hazlehurst, Miss.

Connie Jewett McClinton is an administrative assistant at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and lives in Houston.

Connie Sue Lehr Meek is a registered nurse-diabetes educator at Willis Knighton, married and lives in Haughton.

1992
Lucky P. Sprowl is an electrical foreman at NSU and lives in Natchitoches.

1993
Dr. John Mammano, DBA, CFAAMA is a command surgeon and chief information officer in the office of the air mobility at Scott AFB. He was recently selected by the American Academy of Medical Administrators as the 2005 Young Federal Healthcare Executive of the year.

He is married to Mimi Mammano ('94) and lives in O'Fallon Ill.

Jeff L. Powell is a state game warden for Texas Parks and Wildlife and lives in Italy, Texas.

1994
Billy J. Stone is a counselor at MHMRA of Harris County and lives in Houston.

Glen Fox is currently deployed to Iraq with the Mississippi Army National Guard.

1995
Jason Saunders is an assistant human resource manager at Lois M. Deberry special needs facility and lives in Dickson, Tenn.

Greenwood alumna releases children's CD of original songs

Tricia Baker of Greenwood, a 1992 graduate, has released a children's CD featuring a collection of 10 songs for which she wrote lyrics, including the title track, "Ant Bite Boogie."

An avid and life-long music lover, Baker has been writing poetry and song lyrics for about five years, and though not a musician, Baker was inspired by her father, a self-taught fiddler who enjoyed country and bluegrass. Her own musical tastes range from "classical to pop to jazz to country to bluegrass to Celtic to rock and everything in between," she said.

"I set about to learn as much as I could about form, flow, formatting and the business itself," she said. Turned down on collaborations by local artists, she turned to the Internet for peer support and to find an audience. She is involved with four writer's boards, JP Folks, Tunesmith, Songramp and Writer's Block, for which she is an administrator.

"Here, you can network, critique each other's work, collaborate, learn from each other or just shoot the breeze about the music business in general," Baker said. "Writer's Block is unique in that it has threads specifically for spontaneous creativity and a section for poetry. I've had several poems and short stories published since I started."

In addition to being a published lyricist, Baker is a certified rehabilitation registered nurse with the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Department at Willis-Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport.

"Nursing was and is my chosen profession. It's what I've wanted to do since I was a child," Baker said. "Music is my creative outlet. I don't regret a minute I've spent putting 'Ant Bite Boogie' together. I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

"Ant Bite Boogie" is available on-line at Tower Records, Best Buy, Amazon, CD Baby and at Baker's website, www.giddygirlmusicpublishing.com, where sound clips can be heard. It is also available in the Shreveport area at Sam Goody's and Disc Daddy. Last month, the CD was a featured item at Artspace, sponsored by the Shreveport Regional Arts Council.



Tricia Baker

Iraidean Dupar Gatson is a counselor at Northwood High School, married and lives in Alexandria.

1996

Nathaniel Wood is an assistant professor in the department of history at the University of Kansas, married and lives in Lawrence, Kan.

Karen Townsend is a career resource specialist at Georgia Southern University, married and lives in Statesboro, Ga.

Mark McCoy is on active duty orders with the 199th SB. He is employed as a case manager at the U.S. Penitentiary in Pollock, married and lives in Colfax.

1997

Nika Marie Lee Echols is a manager in consumer services for BellSouth Telecommunications, married and lives in Baton Rouge.

Rodney Arthur Burrell is a clinical sales specialist at Applied Medical, married and lives in El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Amy Williams Rowell is assistant director of career counseling at Georgia Southern University, married and lives in Statesboro, Ga.

James S. Crotty is an associate district manager for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, married to Leah Manning Crotty ('97) and lives in Visalia, Calif.

1998

Brandon M. Mitchell is

an agent for Allstate Insurance and lives in Silver Springs, Md.

Shane Edmonds is a mud engineer at Baker Hughes, Ineq, married and lives in Benton.

Robert Gillen is a budget analyst at LSU and lives in Baton Rouge.

1999

Angie Long Sexton is a community manager at Gables Residential, married and lives in Tucker, Ga.

Patrick Brown is an air routing officer in the Navy and currently serving in the Middle East.

Lesley Marie Roberts Vance is a human resource specialist with the Department of Insurance, married and lives in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Terri Crouse Knupps is an assistant professor of music history and low brass at Southwest Baptist University, married and lives in Bolivar, Mo.

Talitha Perkins Leger is a licensed clinical social worker currently in private practice as a therapist, married and lives in Eunice.

Carrie Parker Thompson is a loan processor at Extraco Bank, married and lives in Waco, Texas.

2000

Harvey Dee McIntyre is an assistant baseball coach, married and lives in Brenham, Texas.

Daniel Livingston is a

PROFILE

Alumnus pens crime novel

A former Northwestern student has penned a crime novel set in Louisiana that was named a Notable Book by Book Sense in January 2005, a Times-Picayune Best Debut of the Year and a Best Crime Novel Debut of the Year by Booklist, among many other honors and awards.

“Welcome to the Fallen Paradise” (MacAdam/Cage, 2004/2005) by **Dayne Sherman** of Pontchatoula is set in fictional Baxter Parish in southeast Louisiana and focuses on the Tadlock family and their fight over a farm.

“The novel is the story of Jesse Tadlock’s return home to Baxter Parish after spending 12 years in the Army,” Sherman said. With his mother dying, Tadlock decides to end his military service and travels home from Germany for his mother’s funeral. “While at home, he finds that his mother has left him a small life insurance policy of \$30,000, the local sheriff offers him a job and his old high school flame walks back into his life. He soon returns home for good – via Leesville and Fort Polk – and immediately finds a house and 10 acres to buy in the north end of the parish.

“All seems well with the world, but the day after he moves to the farmhouse, a local tough named Balem ‘Cotton’ Moxley shows up at the house with a rifle and a giant pit bull and tells Jesse he has 72 hours to leave the house or he will leave in a box. This is Moxley’s home place, lost to the bank after his sister’s suicide.”

From there, the Tadlocks face Moxley in a feud over the house and land. Jesse must choose between following his Uncle Red, who wants to fight tooth and claw in a game of death, or to try to solve his troubles without the use of gun and bomb.

Sherman, now a reference librarian and assistant professor of Library Science at Southeastern Louisiana University, was a Northwestern graduate student in 1999, pursuing a master’s degree in education technology. He attended SLU after taking the GED at age 18. He earned a B.A. in communication from SLU in 1993 and a Master of Library and Information Science from LSU in 1997.

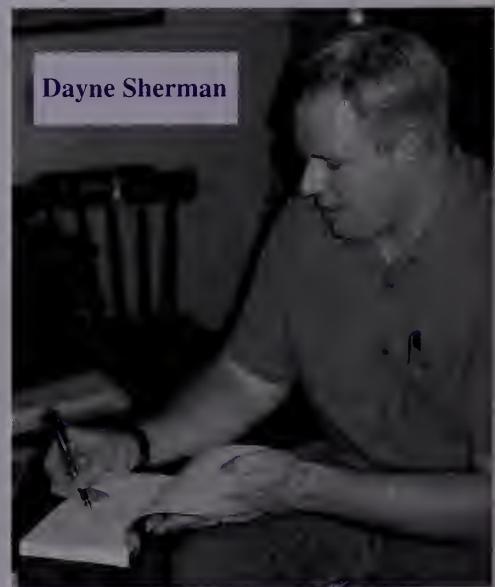
“I started writing during my first semester in college. That was 17 years ago,” he said. Sherman is the 2005 recipient of SLU’s President’s Award for Excellence in Artistic Activity.

Sherman appeared in Natchitoches last fall for a book signing at The Book Merchant and donated all in-store book event royalties to the American Library Association Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund and the American Red Cross.

“The hurricane did only a small amount of damage to our house in Pontchatoula, but the effect has been pretty devastating to my area and friends and relatives in New Orleans and St. Tammany Parish and on the coast in Mississippi,” Sherman said. “I think writers, musicians and other artists have been hit hard by the storm.”

A sequel to “Welcome to Fallen Paradise,” tentatively titled “Louisiana Public Integrity,” is almost finished, Sherman said. Funding for the book tour was provided through a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts.

For more information on the book and on Sherman, visiting www.daynesherman.com.



divisional construction manager for Jim Walter Homes Inc., married and lives in Seminary, Miss.

Katie Bowen Cooper is director of stewardship for LSU Foundation, married and lives in Denham Springs.

Melissa Hicks Clevenger is the switchboard operator at The News Star Newspaper, married and lives in West Monroe.

2001

Sara DeBroeck Pitz is an administrative assistant at The Shaw Group Inc., married to Joseph Pitz ('01) and lives in Baton Rouge.

Brett Bailey is a contract worker, writer and producer and lives in Rowlett, Texas.

2002

Colin Douglas Trahan is employed by Productions, "Broadway Across America" in the cast of "Will Rogers Follies" and lives in New York City.

Kevin Odom is employed by the Bossier Parish School Board as an elementary education teacher, married and lives in Haughton.

Jamie Evans Moon is an extension associate at LSU Ag Center, married and lives in Shreveport.

Vanessa Byrd is a graduate assistant and currently working on a masters in Business Administration at Sam Houston State University.



In Memory

Zelma Boston

Burnette Alston,
Shreveport,
December 13, 2005

'34 Fae Dell Sibley
Frye, Milford, N.H.,
October 24, 2005

'38 William "Bill"
Lofton, Coushatta,
January 17, 2006

'49 Peggy Jean
Casemore Wilhem,
South Carolina,
October 16, 2005

'55 Virginia Houston
Pace, Vicksburg, Miss.,
December 6, 2005

'80 Hurst M. (Landy)
Hall, Jr.
Alpharetta, GA
August 5, 2005

Jessica Barrier Lanier
is employed by Liberty
Independent School
District as an early
childhood teacher,
married and lives in
Hull, Texas.

Lisa Marie Abner is an
account administrator
(w/401K) at McCready
& Keeene and lives in
Indianapolis, Ind.

2003

Joshua Allen Laird is
self-employed/
freelance actor and
lives in Henderson,
Nev.

Dori Ann Pfister
Maddry is a program-
mer analyst for Wal-
Mart, married and lives
in Rogers, Ark.

Allison Miers is a sales
specialist for JSJ
Pharmaceuticals and
lives in Dallas.

Kelly McKenzie is an
MIS Coordinator at The
Arc of Caddo-Bossier
and lives in Minden.

Josephine Melendez
Covington is employed
by the United States
Army as a chemical
officer at Fort Bliss.
She is married and
lives in El Paso.

Matthew Bailey is a law
student at Oklahoma
City University School
of Law and lives in
Oklahoma.

2004

Quincy Lynn Lachney
Cheek is an extension
agent in family
nutrition, married and
lives in LeCompte.

2005

Glenn Darnell Tillman
Jr. is a production
assistant at Clear
Channel Radio and
lives in Shreveport.

Jacob Davis is
associate director for
chapter services at
Kappa Alpha Order
and lives in Irving,
Texas.

Linzie Ledford Hebert
is a physician assistant
student at LSU Health
Science Center,
married and lives in
Shreveport.

John Gillard is
employed by Medi-Dyn
Inc. as an operations
manager for the
Memorial Hermann
Hospital District in
Houston. He is
married and lives in
Kingwood.

Former Northwestern President Kilpatrick dies at 85

Former Northwestern State University president Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick died Dec. 12 in Natchitoches after a lengthy illness.

Born Aug. 5, 1920, in Eros, La., Kilpatrick was a teacher, coach and administrator in Louisiana high schools and universities for 32 years. He served as president of Northwestern from 1966 until his retirement in 1978.

After retiring from public education, Kilpatrick was engaged in a number of business activities.

Kilpatrick, who served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, attended Northeast Louisiana Junior College and later earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern. He received master's and doctorate degrees in education from Louisiana State University.

Kilpatrick joined Northeast Louisiana State College in 1951 as a faculty member and assistant football and basketball coach and later became head basketball coach and director of athletics.

After leaving coaching, Kilpatrick remained on the faculty at Northeast and served as head of the Department of Education at the college in 1965-66. He was appointed dean of the college at Northwestern in March of 1966 and became president of NSU later that year.

In his 12 years as president of Northwestern, enrollment increased substantially, and a number of buildings were constructed or renovated. He helped secure funding for the construction of Watson Memorial Library, Bienvenu Biological Sciences Building, the Physical Education Majors Building and the Teacher Education Center, the Student Recreation Complex and University Post Office and for major renovation of Turpin Stadium, Prather Coliseum and the Friedman Student Union.

A Northwestern campus was established at Fort Polk while Kilpatrick was president, and the university achieved university status when the name of the school was changed from Northwestern State College to Northwestern State University.

Kilpatrick remained active in athletic activities during his presidency at Northwestern, serving on the U.S. Olympic Committee Board of Directors and as president of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Selected for Northwestern's highest honor, the NSU Hall of Distinction, or the Long Purple Line, in 1994, Kilpatrick has also been inducted into the NSU Graduate N Club Athletic Hall of Fame, the NSU Hall of Distinguished Educators and the Northeast Louisiana Athletic Hall of Fame. He also received the Nth Degree for Meritorious Service from NSU.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Juanita Cardozier Kilpatrick; daughter Lael Alexis Kilpatrick of Naples, Fla.; son Joel Young Kilpatrick and wife Jeri Allen Parker Kilpatrick of Natchitoches and grandchildren Ryan Daniel Kilpatrick, Jared Young Kilpatrick, Ashley Danielle Schult, Tarah Parker and Ethan Parker.

Memorials may be made to the NSU Foundation Scholarship Fund, Natchitoches, La. 71497.

LOOKING BACK

The hoop dreams of the Northwestern State Demons of past and present teams have come true as the Demons won their second straight SLC championship and posted back-to-back 20-win seasons and received a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

The university has a long basketball tradition. In the 1950's, the Demons longest had three consecutive 20-win seasons under head coach Charles "Red" Thomas in 1952-53 through 1954-55, winning back to back Gulf States Conference championships.

Thomas was the NSU Demons head coach from 1951-57. He was Northwestern State's first All-American basketball player winning that honor in 1941. He guided the demons to an excellent 129-76 (.679) record in seven years and never experienced a losing season his entire career.

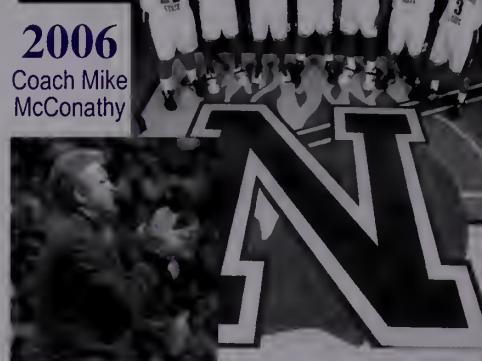
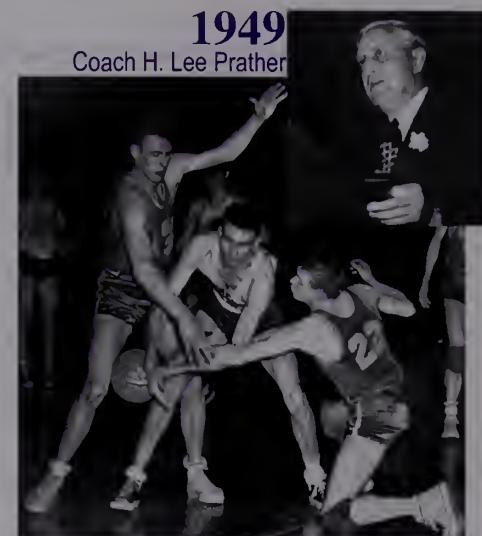
The Demons won their first conference title in 1948-49 under head coach H. Lee Prather. They had a 23-9 record, were Gulf States Conference

Champions, and National NAIA Semifinalists. Prather was the first Demon head coach and he coached for 36 seasons (1913-1950). He became NSU's president in 1951.

The 2005-06 season was the best in school history. The Demons posted a 26-8 record overall and were 15-1 in league play. They won the conference by four games, the most dominant run in conference play in nine seasons. In addition to being Southland Conference Champions for the second season in a row, they also made it to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in five years under head coach Mike McConathy.

The Demons are 2-2 in NCAA play. In 2001, NSU beat Winthrop and lost to Illinois. The Demons defeated Iowa in this year's first round and lost to West Virginia.

The Demons have an all-time record of 1244-957 and an all time home record at Prather Coliseum of 320-182. Northwestern was one of eight teams to go undefeated at home this season with a 14-0 record.



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Do you know who these '55-'56 members of the men's basketball team? If so, be one of the first 10 people to contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (318) 357-4414 and you could win a prize!

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The NSU Alumni Association, Athletic Association, Graduate "N" Club and Demon basketball team hosted the Demon Basketball Reunion Saturday, Feb. 11. This year's reunion included the "N" Club induction ceremony of Elvin McCann, who played for the Demons from 1955-1959 and Jerry Byrd, a sports writer for the Bossier Press-Tribune and former men's basketball manager.

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